

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A stackable and collapsible transport box, comprising:

- (a) a base plate;
 - (b) two first side walls which are mutually opposite and collapsible in a lower first plane connected to the base plate via hinge joints; and
 - (c) two second side walls which are mutually opposite and collapsible in a higher second plane connected to the base plate via hinge joints,
- wherein the base plate comprises a plurality of supporting pillars, wherein the supporting pillars are arranged as tube elements beneath the base plate and arranged as L-shaped angle elements above the base plate, and wherein the L-shaped angle elements are provided with an inner step ~~step-like arrangements such that the angle elements can~~ adapted to receive tube elements of a second transport box stacked on said transport box in the collapsed state.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The transport box according to claim 1, wherein the L-shaped angle elements each comprise a short section and a long section.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The transport box according to claim 2, wherein the two second side walls each comprise a rectangular cut-out in two corner regions which receive the long section of the L-shaped angle elements.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The transport box according to claim 1, wherein each of the ~~two~~ second side walls is provided with at least two inwardly bent edges, wherein each edge is provided with a bevel which slightly tapers having an upwardly, and wherein the second side walls are configured identically, tapered bevel whereby the side walls are placeable in any sequence on top of each other may be placed above one another.

Claim 5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (previously presented): The transport box according to claim 4, wherein the bevel is reinforced with a plurality of superimposed transversal ribs.

Claim 7 (original): The transport box according to claim 1, wherein each of the first and second side walls comprises longitudinal and transverse ribs in the corner regions.

Claim 8 (original): The transport box according to claim 7, wherein the transverse and longitudinal ribs are welded to a stiffening flat cover.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The transport box according to claim 1, wherein the transport box further comprises a plurality of runners provided with projecting cams which are fastened to the tube elements of the supporting pillars.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The transport box according to claim 9, wherein the runners comprise runner elements which form a quadrangle that corresponds to the transport box when the runner elements are inserted in the tube elements.

Claim 11 (original): The transport box according to claim 9, wherein each of the runner elements and the cams is provided with a hollow arrangement and each of the cams comprises reinforcing elements.

Claim 12 (original): The transport box according to claim 10, wherein each of the runner elements is provided with a flat groove and may be assembled into a quadrangle via connecting elements.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The transport box according to claim 1, wherein the transport box may be manufactured by an injection-molding process using plastic.

Claim 14 (original): The transport box according to claim 13, wherein the plastic is selected from the group consisting of: polyethylene (PE) and polypropylene (PP).